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## VETERANS NEWS

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### **ASTAFAN SELECTED CHAIR OF THE CALIFORNIA VETERANS BOARD**

Barstow – Alice Astafan, of Carmichael, was chosen Chair of the California Veterans Board today at its regular meeting held at the Barstow Veterans Home. Thomas J. Moran, of Lincoln, was selected as Vice Chair of the Board.

A retired Major General of the Air Force, Astafan became a member of the Board in 2006. She is currently the chief executive officer of the Federal Technology Center and served more than 30 years in the United States Air Force. Astafan is a member of the National Advisory Committee for the Federal Laboratory Consortium and serves on the board of directors for the Eskaton Corporation.

Astafan earned a Master's degree in International Affairs and Early Childhood Education at Sacramento State University, a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and Chemistry and a graduate in the National and International Security Program at the John F. Kennedy Senior Managers in Government Program.

Thomas J. Moran, a member of the Board since 2007, is currently the owner/broker of Moran Realty in Lincoln. He has been active in the real estate profession since 1977. Moran is a co-author of a real estate textbook after having taught real estate courses at community colleges in Santa Clara county for several years.

Moran served 22 years in the U.S. Navy as an aviator and achieved the rank of Commander before his retirement. He served multiple tours in Vietnam. He holds a B.S. degree from the U.S. Navy Post-Graduate School and a M.S. from George Washington University.

The California Veterans Board serves as an advocate for veterans identifying needs and works to ensure and enhance the rights and benefits of California veterans and their dependents. The Board consists of seven members appointed by the Governor, subject to the confirmation of the State Senate. All Board members shall be veterans. The Board reports to the Legislature annually regarding its activities, accomplishments and expenditures during the preceding fiscal year. The Board determines the policies for all operations of CDVA. The Board meets several times each year in different communities throughout California.

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